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SUBJ: DUTCH-NORWEGIAN FOREIGN MINISTERS DISCUSS PRG

REFS: (A) THE HAGUE 896 (B) OSLO 715

1. WE QUERIED FORMIN SOURCE WHO ATTENDED FOREIGN MINISTER FRYDENLUND AND VAN DER STOEL MEETING ABOUT PRG ISSUE. HE SAID PRG WAS TOUCHED UPON BRIEFLY IN TALKS. VAN DER STOEL SAID ISSUE WAS EXPECTED COME UP IN PARLIAMENTARY DISCUSSION AND FRYDENLUND NOTED IT WOULD LIKELY COME UP IN APRIL NORWEGIAN LABOR PARTY CONVENTION.

2. BOTH AGREED THAT THEY SAW NO GROUNDS NOW FOR UP-GRADING STATUS OF PRG. FRYDENLUND SAID NORWAY HAD NO PLANS FOR CHANGING ITS POLICY OF DENYING RECOGNITION TO PRG. VAN DER STOEL SHARED THIS VIEW PERSONALLY, BUT POINTED OUT THERE WAS A STRONG MOVEMENT FOR RECOGNITION OF PRC IN NETHERLANDS AND HE COULD NOT BE SURE OF THE OUTCOME. ACCORDING TO DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS VIBE, VAN DER STOEL THOUGHT MOVE IN PARLIAMENT WOULD NOT RPT NOT CARRY. VIBE EXPLAINED THAT THE TWO COUNTRIES AGREED THEY WERE FOLLOWING GENERAL PARALLEL POLICIES IN THIS MATTER AND WOULD KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH.

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3. VIBE REITERATED THAT NORWAY ALSO REMAINS UNDER GREAT INTERNAL PRESSURE TO UPGRADE STATUS OF PRG TO DELEGATION GENERALEM, NOTING IN THIS CONNECTION, THAT SWEDEN HAD STATED THIS DID NOT IMPLY RECOGNITION. MEANWHILE, TO REDUCE PRESSURE ON THE LEFT, NORWAY HAS FOLLOWED POLICY FOR SOME TIME, VIBE SAID, OF ALLOWING PRG REPRESENTATIVES TO MEET FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS AT LEVEL THEY MAY CHOOSE. FOREIGN MINISTER HAS MET WITH THEM ON MORE THAN ONE OCCASION.

4. IN REPLY TO QUERY TODAY BY DUTCH COUNSELOR BUWALDA, PROTOCOL CHIER JERVING CONFIRMED THAT PRG OFFICIALS ARE RECEIVED AT THIER REQUEST IN FORMIN. JERVING EXPLAINED THAT REQUEST TO UPGRADE PRG MISSION ALONG SWEDISH PATTERN HAS BEEN TURNED ASIDE, WITH STATEMENT THAT THERE IS NO COMPARABLE LEGAL STATUS IN NORWAY.  
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